

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday May 8, 2024

Supervisor Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Patricia Spencer, Treasurer Nicole Krajnak, Trustee Ryan McGahan, and Clerk Robin Henry. Absent was Trustee John Juntunen.

The Minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Clerk Henry and supported by Trustee McGahan to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. With all in favor, motion carried.

Petitions and Communications: UPPCO has several videoconferences scheduled to discuss power outage complains and potential reimbursement or bill credits to residents.

Fire Department Report: Baraga Telephone Company is still charging for the Fire Bar that has not worked since last year. Treasurer Krajnak will call Baraga Telephone Company to deal with the issue.

Constable Report:

- Monthly inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.
- Two people were spinning out in the Alston cemetery. Constable Peterson knows who they are and situation is being dealt with. State Police were called on one of the suspects.
- An ash tree near the township hall must be removed. Supervisor Spencer has contacted Tikky's Tree Service for a quote. Constable Peterson will cut up and dispose of the wood.

Transfer Station Report:

- Summer hours began this week and went well.
- Both small and large trash bags are now being offered for sale.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Craft/Plant/Bake sale will be this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Township Hall. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to support the new trail system behind the pavilion at Recreation Center.
- Trail clean-up day will be Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
- D. Vandeville reported that we did not receive the Copper Shores Grant. There may be another opportunity to try again soon.
- J. Ploskonka proposed new signage for the Mike Jylha Stadium.
- The next Recreation Committee meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Ambulance Committee:

- Trustee McGahan reported that there have been seven (7) Bay Ambulance call-outs to Laird Township year to date.
- G. Wadaga from Bay Ambulance would like to present the need for additional funding at an upcoming meeting. Supervisor Spencer will reach out to him and see if he can come to our June 2024 meeting. Yard signs will be available to make people aware of this funding need. Flyers are being shared online, and M. Smith will include one on the Laird Township website.

Public Comment:

- C. Hill and J. Sullivan would like permission to access old birth and death records at the Township Hall and begin to sort and document the information. As these records are public, permission was granted. Archival quality containers will need to be purchased to hold these records. Clerk Henry will look into this.

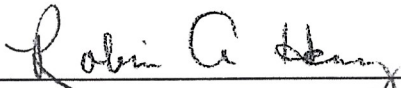
Old Business:

- Scrap Tire Grant was discussed. Advertising will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Superior Watershed will provide two workers and Laird Township will provide lunch for all workers on this day.
- Road Oil contract is due May 10, 2024. It was decided that we will order the same amount as last year. Clerk Henry will notify Houghton County Road Commission and will distribute the contract for proper signatures as soon as it is received. Delivery is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 8, 2024, weather permitting.

New Business:

- Ballot wording for the upcoming August election was discussed. Ambulance millage will be increased from 1.0 to 1.5 mils, Fire Department will remain at 2.0 mils and Road funds will remain at 1.0 mils.
- Certificates of Deposit (CD's) are up for renewal. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, seconded by Trustee McGahan to authorize Treasurer Krajnak to renew them.
- D. Vandeville received a \$3500 grant on behalf of the Recreation Committee for reprint the Laird Township Centennial Book. It will be available on Amazon.com for \$35 and should be available within the next month.
- A new stove is needed for the Township Hall. The existing stove only has two burners that work. The hall is being rented more often now, so this would be advantageous. Treasurer Krajnak will look at options and make a recommendation at the June Regular Board Meeting.
- The electrical system at the Township Hall is not adequate. Breakers are tripped during normal use. Supervisor Spencer will obtain quotes with local electrical contractors.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk